

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, FOR NINE MONTHS JAN.- SEPT., 1939.

Births - increase 317; Deaths - increase 174; Marriages - decrease 4.

POPULATION OF THE STATE. 30th June, 1939 - Total 595,770
Males 297,890; Females 297,880.

NATURAL INCREASE. The excess of births over deaths for the nine months was 2,966 (2,823) an increase of 143.

BIRTHS. For the nine months 7,389 (7,072) Births were registered being 317 more than for the same period in 1938.

EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS - 211 (195). CASES OF MULTIPLE BIRTHS - Twins 70 (62), Triplets 2 (1).

ADOPTIONS AND LEGITIMATIONS - Under the Adoption Acts 108 (73) children were registered as adopted and 24 (9) children were legitimated under the Legitimation Acts after the marriage of their parents.

MARRIAGES. The marriages celebrated during the nine months numbered 3,979 (3,983) a decrease of 4. There was a decrease of 168 marriages during the first six months, but an increase of 164 during the last three months. Civil Marriages numbered 329 (393) decrease 64.

DEATHS. The deaths registered for the nine months numbered 4,423 (4,249) an increase of 174. Under 1 year 257 (236), increase 21.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS. (Table 6). Cancer 532 (591), Diseases of Heart 999 (880), Cerebral haemorrhage and softening 414 (432), Accidents 302 (218), Senility 243 (244), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 163 (150), Congenital Debility, Malformations, &c. 161 (167), Nephritis, Acute and Chronic 200 (206), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 47 (33), Pneumonia 219 (253), Diabetes mellitus 108 (109), Puerperal Causes 25 (35), Influenza 20 (9), Suicides 50 (50), Bronchitis 55 (63), Appendicitis 26 (23).

DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS, &C. For the nine months 302 (218) deaths were attributed to Accidents, &c. increase 84. Drowning 29 (16), Automobiles 74 (69), Railways and Tramways 17 (16), Other transport 8 (15), Injury from Falls 43 (57), Firearms 5 (6), Burns 12 (13), Excessive Heat 76 (-).

INFANTILE DEATHS. NO. & CAUSES. 257 (236) deaths were recorded for the nine months, being 21 more than for the same period in 1938. The principal causes were - Broncho-pneumonia and Pneumonia 25 (34), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 29 (17), Malformations 29 (27), Congenital debility &c. 12 (13), Premature Birth 78 (70), Injury at birth 16 (22), Other diseases of early infancy 21 (21), Excessive Heat 9 (-), and all other causes 38 (31), total 257 (236).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED. (Table 5). Numbers of cases notified during the nine months are as follows :- Diphtheria 509 (657), Dysentery 5 (6), Erysipelas 81 (67), Influenza 243 (31), Measles 419 (40), Poliomyelitis 2 (269), Puerperal Fever 49 (36), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 254 (222), Scarlet Fever 453 (322) and Whooping Cough 524 (179).

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